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Third, the traditional method requires investors to trade in share amounts, rather than dollar amounts. Normally, an investor places a market order by specifying a number of shares that the investor wishes to buy or sell and entrusting the brokerage to obtain the best execution within a short time-frame. The investor using a market order can approximate the dollar amount involved in the transaction only by multiplying the number of shares specified by the price at which the investor believes the trade will be executed. Typically, however, the investor has only a rough idea of what the execution price will be. The investor has a somewhat better idea of what the maximum or minimum dollar amount of a purchase or sale will be if the investor places a limit order. Even under a limit order, however, the investor will not know the dollar amount of the trade until the trade is executed.

Some of these problems can be solved through a method and apparatus that allows investors to express orders in either share or value-based terms and then aggregates and nets those orders. U.S. Patent Application No. 09/516,787 filed concurrently herewith by the same inventor discloses a method and apparatus for enabling investors to express and submit trading orders in the form of share-based and dollar-based (or value-based) orders, which application is hereby incorporated by reference as if repeated herein in its entirety, including the drawings.

Receiving trading orders at the brokerage in dollar-based or share-based orders presents new challenges, however. If some customers express orders in share amounts and some customers express orders in dollar amounts, there is currently no way to execute the order that provides customers with the same price regardless whether they